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Play to offer sex and violence

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A bunch of the boys were whooping it up in the Malmute saloon; the kid that handles the music box was hitting a jag-time tune; back of the bar, in a solo game, sat Dangerous Dan McGrew.

No, it's not the opening of a new sexy, violent network TV series to further

saturate over-soaked minds, but a brief rendition from selected literary works for **An Evening of Strictly Genteel Sex and Violence**, a Readers Theatre production, to be presented March 27-29 by the MSU Blackfriars Drama Society and the department of communication.

Scanning over various writing from the works of Robert Service, Mark Twain and others, the play reveals how sex and violence for entertainment purposes by society was accomplished prior to the wonderous marvel of video.

"It's fluff entertainment, not examining any lofty ideas," explained Wayne Durst, director of the play and member of the department of communication. Durst took almost a year compiling the literature, writing transitions and planning the readers theatre production.

Readers theatre departs from real theatre in stage representation. Scenery is minimum, actors read from a script in hand on stage, but most importantly, the lines used heighten the speaking performance and influences audience reaction.

A ten member student cast will

spout, rant and personate scenes from poetry, stories, cartoons and other compositions. Cast members are Gail Billingsly, Eleanor Dixon, Mike Kelley, Sabrina Ponda, David Robinson, Greg Sappington, Steve Stacey, Karla Stewart, Melissa Westmoreland and Twryla Westphal.

An Evening of Strictly Genteel Sex and Violence is scheduled for March 27-29 at 8 p.m. in the YMCA Auditorium. Tickets are \$1 for MSU students, \$2 for non-students and will be available at the door the nights of performance only.